

## Shade Tree Commission Meeting February 5, 2019

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) met on the above dated in the Planning Board Conference Room at the Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12 Flemington New Jersey. The meeting notice as in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Members Present: Tom Mathews, Hans Hanbicki, Bill Wild and Neil Hendrickson

Absent: Robert Becker

Audience: none

Tom Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

### Reorganization:

- Tom nominated Hans Hanbicki as chairman, Neil seconded. -motion passed 4-0
- Tom nominated Bill Will as vice chairman, Neil seconded.- motion passed 4-0
- Bill nominated Tom Mathews as secretary, Hans seconded.- motion passed 4-0

### Public Participation:

- none

### Minutes:

- November 12, 2018 – Bill would like the minutes to reflect that JCP&L would be the ones trimming or removing trees in the County ROW, under their Reliability Plus Plan. Minutes were approved as altered.

### Correspondence

- Letter of resignation from A.R. Wiley. Bill made a motion that the County send A.R. a thank you letter for his years of service. Motion approved.
- NJ Forestry Service Nursery Catalog
- Letter from Hunterdon County Parks – invite for Earth Day Celebration. It was decided not to attend.

### Old Business:

- Tree inventory- Tom reported that Plan-it-Geo LLC, has begun the tree inventory. They have been working on it for approximately 2 weeks. They are inventorying all Ash& Oak trees within 40' from centerline of the County road as well as any tree in poor health that poses a risk to the County road. Neil would like to see their progress to assess their TRAQ judgement. The STC would like to be invited to the status meeting when its held.
- Emerald Ash Borer- will start to see decline of Ash trees in 2019. Treated trees are still healthy so it appears to be working. They need to be treated every spring.
- Spotted Lanternfly- Still don't know a lot about the effect they have on trees and plants. They prefer smooth bark trees such as red maple. They do threaten grape vines and hop plants. Penn State still studying all aspects.

New Business:

- Membership- the STC is down to 5 members with 2 alternate spots open. Rob Becker will contact municipal environmental groups to see if there is any interest.
- 2019 Community Forestry Goals- Tom Mathews reported that he same education and community outreach goals remain. The completion of the inventory is also a goal for this year.
- 2019 meeting dates a hard copy of the 2019 meeting dates was handed out to all the members.
- Arbor Day is April 26, 2019. Bill Wild would like to go with Greg Ent to pick out the trees. The Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission would like to have the celebration at Heron Glen Golf Course and plant a tree for the new Clubhouse. Tree should match landscaping plan. Neil suggested we plant a survivors tree in 2021 in honor of September 11, 2001. All agreed that it was a good idea.
- Annual Accomplishment Report- Tom reported we met all our 2018 goals and the report will be sent in after Freeholder approval.
- A motion was made and approved to invite the Parks Department to our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a motion by Hans Hanbicki, seconded by Tom Mathews. Motion passed 4-0

Next meeting is April 1, 2019